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Our Unified Response to OP

May 27, 2014

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Ellen McCarthy, D.C. Office of Planning Director
From: The undersigned Southwest community leaders
Re: *Southwest Neighborhood Plan*

We appreciate your acknowledgment of our April 2014 letter and the Office of Planning's (OP) subsequent release of about 100 new recommendations for the Southwest Neighborhood Plan (SAP). Thank you for promising to respond to the letter and we look forward to your response.

The new SAP recommendations are a step in the right direction; however, they generally remain inconsistent with the official goals of the plan and comments expressed by the neighborhood.

The amendments to the earlier SAP recommendations, which focus on increasing land use allowances at targeted sites, still require important adjustments, including:

- Specifying a stand-alone library at the existing site. The library was developed on this site in Southwest's Mid-Century Plan for

reasons that are still valued.

- Specifying that redevelopments on *all* targeted parcels—not just some—are subject to the Planned Unit Development process, which can mitigate adverse impacts through community input.

- Eliminating land use density increases on any of the targeted parcels that aren't adjacent to M, 4th, or South Capitol Streets, SW.

- Increasing land use allowances by not more than one level on any given site: e.g. change a low density residential site to not greater than *moderate density residential* or alternatively, a *moderate density commercial* site to nothing greater than *medium density commercial*.

- Specifying that the scale and pattern of development on *all* targeted parcels—not just some—are consistent with the existing Mid-[20th] Century Modern (MCM) template, which provides a balanced development pattern.

- Committing to a "build-first" process for any affected public housing property. Before any demolition or removal of residents, temporary units must be completed on land consented to by Southwest Waterfront/ANC 6D residents.

- Requiring integration of affordable units at all income levels for all new developments at targeted sites.

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Blind Whino Hosts Dinner Lab, DC's Newest Food Experience

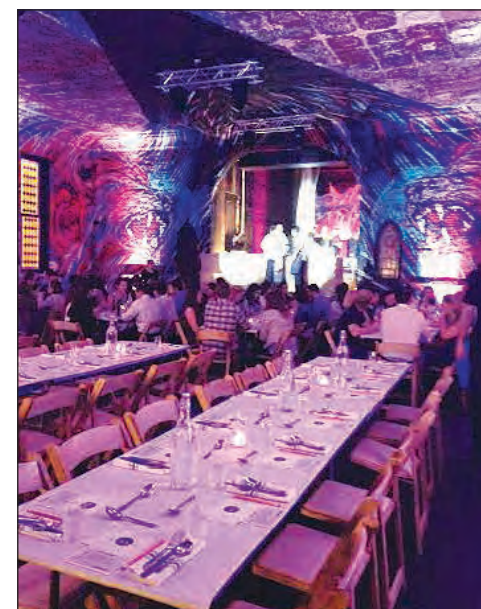
When you think of upscale dinner locales, you don't normal think of Blind Whino. Why would you? The ultra-hip, reclaimed church is not a food venue. It doesn't even have a kitchen. None of that mattered on the evening of May 15, however.

DC's newest food experience took over Delaware Ave SW for an unforgettable foodie slam. Dinner Lab is self-described as "a social dining experiment that unites undiscovered chefs with adventurous diners who are looking for something different from the conventional restaurant experience."

The membership-based social dining experiment dares its members to try out new cuisines in unconventional spaces. The day before the dinner, Dinner Lab members get an email with an address, the chef's name, and the style of cuisine. Every week is a different location, a different chef, and a different menu. On this particular evening, our chef was Chef Tan Uçkan from Istanbul, by way of New Orleans.

As we headed upstairs to our table, the beauty of Blind Whino enveloped the eight tables as Chef Tan and his team prepared dinner on the old church altar. Opting for the earlier 7:30pm seating, our meal got underway while the 8:30 diners mingled downstairs at the open bar.

Dinner Lab says, "Our events bring together a group of interesting strangers around a common table to share cuisine crafted by up-and-



coming chefs from all over the country." Our table was no different. There were lawyers, artists, government contractors, social media analysts, bankers, soldiers, realtors, students, and secretaries all enjoying a meal together. Food unites us in the weirdest way.

The concept of Dinner Lab is simple: experience great food like never before. Typically, for a \$65 per person meal you would expect fancy

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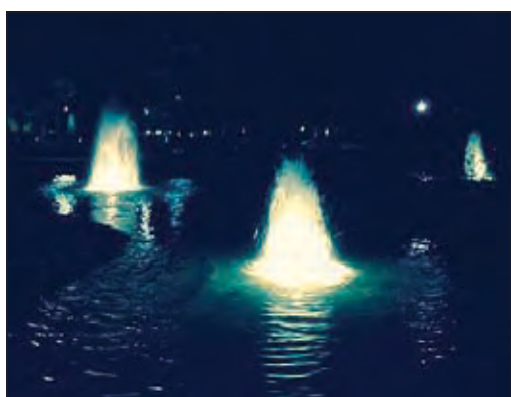
Fountains Illuminate Duck Pond!

By: Chris Beck, Treasurer,
Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond

On May 8, benefactors and honorees received recognition at an evening billed as "Illumination & Dedication" with Councilmember Tommy Wells acting as master of ceremonies.

Annual recognition awards were given out at the event. Katie Renwaldt was named District Employee of the Year for her efforts on behalf of the park within the Department of Parks & Recreation, Local Business of the Year was awarded to UDR's Waterside Towers for their gracious hosting of the group's meetings, and Greg Schultz was named Volunteer of the Year for coordinating the set-up and tear-down of the events held at the duck pond.

The fountains were dedicated to the memory of the late ANC Commissioner Ron McBee, who was a tireless supporter of park efforts from the



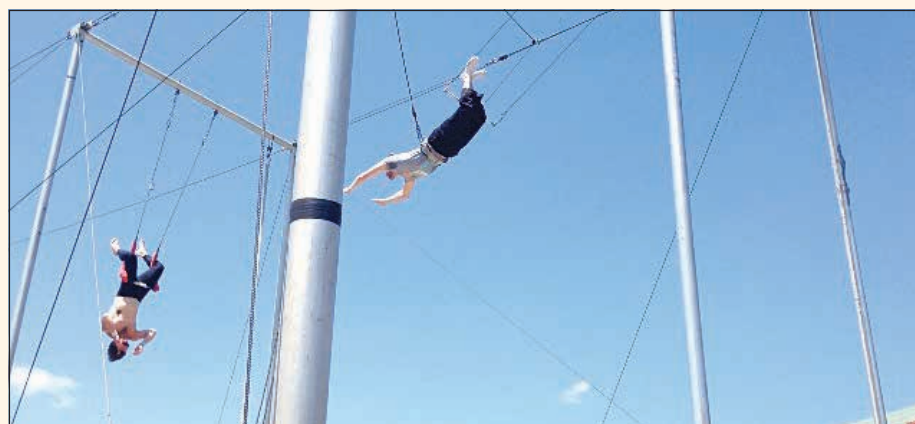
inception of the Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond in 2010 until his recent passing.

A new feature of the park is the recently upgraded landscaping, made possible by the Mary Schmitt Memorial Fund. The plants are local to the region and most prominently grace the park's entrances and K St. SW.

Entertainment was provided by the Morpheus Winds Quintet, playing Handel's *Water Music*. At the conclusion of this idyllic set, timed to coincide with dusk, the fountains and the newly-installed underwater lights were turned on for the first time. The new additions became even more impressive as night fell and it was evident that the lights, combined with the existing lamp

posts, now provide a higher level of illumination in the park. This is a welcome safety enhancement for all those who use the park as a thoroughfare.

See www.southwestduckpond.org for more events at the Southwest Duck Pond.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: Trapeze School of New York

For our first foray into Navy Yard for the *Know Your Neighborhood* series, we looked at one of the most known unknowns of our neighborhood: the Trapeze School of New York—Washington, DC.

It's Sunday morning and the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and I've got a spring in my step. As I leave my home, I ride my bike down M Street SW, thinking only of what lies ahead. When I arrive at 4th and

Tingey St. SE, I see the phrase that will be my motto for the next two hours: "Forget fear. Worry about the addiction." The Trapeze School of New York's logo could not be better suited for a school where people voluntarily fly through the air.

After I sign the waiver, I am directed not inside, but to the outdoors trapeze area—the nine-person class will be held outside! It's

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Take Me Out to the Ball Game...Please?

By: Deborah Jones Sherwood

I'm not certain when I turned into such an avid Nationals fan. Most likely, it happened when I moved back home to Washington, DC nearly two years ago and settled in the Southwest quadrant only three blocks from Nationals Park. From my apartment balcony I can hear the home run horn and cheers from excited fans.

It didn't take long for me to accumulate an entire wardrobe of Nats apparel. I have bright red t-shirts, nylon windbreakers, a sparkly red sequined baseball hat, and a sweatshirt, all sporting their trademark white curly "W." I also have a red and blue vest purchased from the retail shop at the bottom of the eighth inning during a game against the Pirates. After a few glasses of merlot and several boxes of Cracker Jacks, the \$125 price tag seemed very reasonable.

Watching the game on MASN or listening to it on the radio while I sit in traffic keeps me informed with play-by-play action, but those mediums are meager substitutes for actually being at the stadium.

Unfortunately, few of my friends enjoy attending the games. Going out to lunch, a favorite activity among us senior ladies, is considered an exciting way to spend the afternoon. Throw in a few pictures of grandkids, a stimulating conversation about the latest health trends seen on Dr. Oz, and splitting a rich, decadent dessert always makes for a rip-roaring good time.

I prefer going to the game with someone else, finding it much more enjoyable than being there alone. The camaraderie of a fellow Nationals fan cheering our team to a common goal is just part of the fun. Watching Bryce Harper stealing second base, Jayson Werth knocking the ball out of the park, and Tyler Clippard winding up for his

expert fast pitch are beyond exhilarating. Passing hot dogs and beer hand-to-hand down the row, the t-shirt toss, Screech encouraging cheers, and the Presidents Race all add to the experience.

It is rare to find someone who is not emotionally affected by the stillness and silence engulfing the stadium as the national anthem resonates throughout the arena and the profuse appreciation of our military when they are recognized during the seventh inning.

I have an entire summer ahead to root, root, root for the home team, collect bobblehead figurines of my favorite players, stuff myself with hot dogs, and hopefully persuade my friends that going to a baseball game can be as much fun as nibbling breadsticks at The Olive Garden.

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St. Augustine's Transition and New Building Plans Revealed

By Elaine Graves

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church members hosted an Open House on Sunday, May 18 with 70 southwest community members to share the story of its history, temporary transition plans, and its new church building.

The Rev. Martha K. Clark, rector, and Senior Steward Pamela Collins welcomed everyone. The Rev. Clark, explained, "For the last eight or nine years, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church has worked on the sustainability of its building and its congregation, specifically to keep the Episcopal Church's presence in the southwest neighborhood."

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington, joined the celebration, "I commend this congregation for its tenacity, courage and hopefulness for continuing to stay connected to serve this neighborhood."

Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember-elect, commented, "This church has a small congregation, but has always had a huge presence in the southwest community."

Neal Peirce, an early church member and one of the founding members of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, said, "Since 1961,

St. Augustine's represented a diverse congregation, replacing former separate black and white Episcopal churches in southwest."

Kwasi Holman, St. Augustine's redevelopment representative, explained, "We sold a portion of our site to the developer PM Hoffman in order to assist in the construction of our new church."

Thelma Jones, congregation member and long-time community activist, summarized the church's numerous community outreach programs including a breakfast program, which will be on hiatus during the summer, a food pantry, and youth activities.

St. Augustine's transition coordinators Lauren Vaughan and Robert Graham noted that Rev. Clark will be holding office hours each Tuesday in Safeway's Starbucks area after June 8.

According to Rev. Clark, the new church will



Ward 6 Councilmember-elect Charles Allen, center, looks at early church photos with long-time Southwest residents and St. Augustine's founding congregation members Neal and Barbara Peirce.

be more community centered, completely accessible and a sustainable building with an endowment for long-term maintenance. The new church will feature a large, second floor sanctuary looking out onto the waterfront and the Washington Monument that will be used for Sunday worship (and a great wedding venue). Plans also include an off-the-street, small intimate chapel, a large, modern kitchen, a community room, office space for non-profits, a Sunday school and a library named after Thurgood Marshall to house a permanent collection of

Marshall books and artifacts.

Kwasi Holman enthusiastically concluded, "We love this church, but we'll love our new church even more! It will be a spectacular church building and we'll be as welcoming to the community as we have always been."

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OP

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■ Prohibit new buildings in existing open spaces within Southwest's existing rental complexes. [While private residential developments were not originally announced as a focus of the SAP, OP's recommendations now reflect an expanded scope: we believe further protections are appropriate.]

With a handful of exceptions, the new recommendations call for actions that are already completed, underway, insignificant (due to inadequate specificity), and/or rely on a community entity as a lead implementer (we appreciate the community recognition, but the Administration should not rely on the resources of volunteer entities). Specifically the SAP shall:

■ Ensure existing affordable housing units are retained—in both private and public developments. Require affordable units for all income levels in all new developments.

■ Require that all parks, including the 4th & Eye Street parks, Southwest Duck Pond, 3rd and I Street park, Lansburgh Park and the 4th & G Street park be retained, adequately maintained, and where appropriate, improved.

■ Specify that any character-defining building facades shall be retained in place in any redevelopment that involves demolition.

■ Retain I (Eye) Street's residential and civic character. For example, a streetcar would be inconsistent with a residential street.

■ Incorporate guidelines that transform M Street into a pedestrian-oriented corridor, specifically: an attractive tree-lined boulevard replete with benches, and building setbacks consistent with Southwest's MCM character.

■ Not recommend reopening closed streets to vehicles, such as the closed segment of L Street between Delaware Av. and Half St. (within Lansburgh Park). The existing open spaces carved out of former rights-of-way by the MCM plan provide our growing community with crucial open space. The reopening of these streets is inconsistent with other SAP recommendations to increase the tree canopy and enhance parks.

■ Specify the rehabilitation of Randall Recreation Center's buildings and open spaces, which serve as the largest active recreation space in the heart of the rapidly growing near SE-SW community.

■ Specify deadlines for all recommended actions.

Southwest is facing billions of dollars of new development; the draft SAP recommendations would only negatively increase that impact. Before proceeding any further with land use designation changes, it is imperative that adequate protections to manage and mitigate adverse impacts be integrated in the SAP.

The Southwest Neighborhood Plan needs to become a neighborhood plan, not a real estate development tool.

Sincerely,

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Waterfront Academy Moves Forward

Waterfront Academy is scheduled to open in June at Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church, 60 I Street SW. Waterfront Academy is a dual immersion (Spanish and English) faith-based Montessori school with emphasis on charity and stewardship in the Catholic tradition.

In addition to the new location, has also announced a new Head of School, Rebeca Shackelford. Ms. Shackelford was previously with DC Public Schools. She is a native speaker of Spanish from the Dominican Republic and received her Montessori education in Mexico. She also was the lead teacher in Waterfront Academy's "Mamá y Yo" class.

Waterfront Academy anticipates school pro-

gramming will begin in June with the "Mamá y Yo" classes for children between the ages of 18 months and 3. This is a Spanish immersion Montessori mommy and me class. Additionally there will be several parent information events in June. July will bring a Spanish immersion summer camp program for ages 3-9. And in September, the inaugural school year begins for children between the ages of 3-9.

Waterfront Academy is currently accepting applications for both Primary (ages 3-6) and Lower Elementary (ages 6-9) students. Deadline for school year applications is Monday, June 30th. You can learn more about Waterfront Academy and send in applications online at WaterfrontAcademy.org.

TRAPEZE SCHOOL

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sunny and 75 degrees, and here I am a basking in the slight breeze coming off the water. Rarely have I felt as refreshed as I do in this moment. As the instructors suit me up in my harness, they ask me about my previous experience with flying trapeze; I give a chuckle at the thought of the question. Just then I look around and realize that most of the eight other students have been here before. There is the trapeze-master mother with her ten-year-old daughter and eight-year-old son, the two early-30s guys clad in Ray-Bans and Urban Outfitters shirts, the mid-20s special education teacher with blue hair, and the young blonde who is getting back into flying trapeze after three years. Then there's me, the definitely-not-qualified-to-be-here Editor-in-Chief of *The Southwester*. We run through the basic commands and safety brief, and before too long I am

climbing up the ladder.

Standing on a platform 30 feet off the ground, I look to the south and gaze at the river. Nationals fans are grabbing outdoor seats at Bluejacket to the north. I am being latched into the harness that will act as my safety blanket. In my first run, I practice a basic swing just to get a feel. After swinging back and forth and getting accustomed to the commands, I let go of the swing and safely fall back into the net—a very freeing experience.

On round two, my instructors give me confidence and say I should try for an upside down hang from my knees. Given that there are two children in the class who are one-third my age and already preforming this move, I quickly agree. As I stand on the platform and go through the moves in my head, I remember what they told me about the safety equipment -- "It's practically impossible to get injured." I hear the 'hep!' call and pop off the platform. I swing forward and when I reach the apex, I pull my long legs to

A Different Take on Our History...

Poem by: Marjorie Lightman

From my living room window I can see the 7th Street landing on the waterfront. It's deserted this morning, but if I close my eyes I can imagine what it was like when young Afro-American women sailed up from Virginia to Washington more than 100 years ago. For these country-bred women sitting alone on the hard seats reserved for "colored," the steamships were magic boats taking them to a new life. The noise and smells they encountered as they landed were new. The crowds, mostly men, worked the winches, carried crates, and pushed trolleys along the docks that lined the waterfront. Relatives led the wide-eyed young women to streetcars that took them to their new homes, many in the Southwest...

my chest and throw them over the bar. "Hands off!" is the next call. I release my hands and swing upside down through the air taking in the same views as I did from the platform, but now upside down, catching an even more breathtaking view that few experience. On my next three turns, I repeat this hanging move as it is the basis for a "catch," all while learning a new dismount off the bar: a backflip! This is the first backflip of my life. And it comes from 30 feet in the air.

With two turns per flyer left, we each will have a chance at a catch. A catch is when an instructor on the opposite bar hangs by his legs and catches you as you release from your own bar. This move seems out of the realm of possibilities given I just started my flying trapeze career a mere 90 minutes ago. As I climb the ladder, I go through the moves in my head. I've done this multiple times now. I know the calls. I know the timing. I am ready. As I hear 'hep!', instinct throws me off the platform. I swing forward and

immediately forget everything. My mind goes blank. The instructor calls for me to move to the knee hang, I awkwardly get into the move just in time. As I fly upside down towards the instructor, my timing is off - way off. We are not near each other—he realizes this, I do not—nevertheless I thrust myself forward, releasing from the bar and flying towards no one. In the most dramatic of failed Peter Pan impressions, I fall face first into the netting. We all get a good laugh.

Attempt 2: Redemption. After making a 'trapeze bro pact' with my eight-year-old classmate, Jonathan, I am back up on the platform for the last and final attempt. Jonathan, my four foot tall compadre-in-arms, has just successfully landed his catch. I'm the last flyer of the day. The crowd is watching. I fly off the platform, focused on my move. I easily make the change to my hang and open up at just the right time for my instructor to catch me. I release my legs and fly through

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Water Street Garden, Southwest Landmark, Closes June 1

**By: Camille Cook, Water Street Gardener
For questions, call 202-554-3728**

Another long-time Southwest landmark, the Water Street Garden, will close on June 1 with a farewell program at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. The garden, located at 6th and Water St. SW, was established in 1990 with the support of the Rev. Rena Karefa-Smart, the parish's priest-in-charge at that time, and GROW, Garden Resources of Washington. Parishioners and some of the area residents participated in drawing up plans for the garden to accommodate 10' x 10' plots for 12 gardeners, an herb garden, and an area for compost.

Pat Bennett, a resident of Riverside Condominium and an original gardener in Southwest, remembers the transformation of the garden site from the corner lot that the church donated into an actual growing site well. GROW had contacted the agricultural resources for the city, located at the University of the District of Columbia, because it was a land grant college. Consequently, a backhoe arrived to dig the site, and then two truckloads of compost were delivered. The gardeners-to-be had to dig into the soil twice, one for each load. GROW also provided funds for the fence.

Jim Early, also one of the original members and who was an avid gardener at the site until he moved to Martha's Vineyard, planted the pine tree that still stands at the entrance to the driveway. Jim died last year.

When the Rev. John Talbott arrived in 1992, church members complained that the garden was becoming an eyesore and wanted to close out the relationship between St. Augustine's and the Water Street Garden. After the gardeners

were apprised of the problem, several decided to take on the responsibility of enhancing the whole area of the church property next to and near the garden. Members agreed to share in the care (weeding and watering) of the flowers in the new beds planted on the 6th St. side of the church property and along the fence. From the outset, residents of the area, tourists walking to the cruise ships, and, later, people waiting for the Circulator at the bus stop, frequently stopped to talk about the garden.

In 1990, the tree on the corner was a sapling, but it has grown so much that its shade and roots prohibit the use of several plots. The beautiful big oaks on the north and east sides of the garden grew bigger and offered more shade, thus limiting the growing of most vegetables. The cute squirrels became more numerous and pesky, plucking the largest tomato just before the gardener planned to harvest it. Lastly, the cruel winter killed the beautiful rosemary bush that had been planted at least 20 years before by an early gardener.

Now, the final change comes with the Wharf development project and the developer's plans for a new church and housing on the corner of 6th and Water St. SW.

The Water Street Garden Closing Ceremony will be held at 11:30 am on Sunday, June 1. The Rev. Martha Clark, St. Augustine's Rector, will officiate on the west side of the church. The program will celebrate the history of the garden and the gardeners on the waterfront site and thank everyone for their stewardship of the earth. She will close with a prayer and a blessing. A small outdoor reception will follow.

Residents of the Southwest community, and especially former gardeners, are invited to attend.

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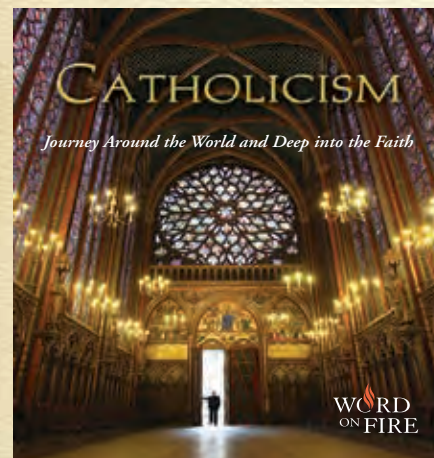
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THURSDAY:
Jazz and Blues on the Waterfront
6:30-8:00pm

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FRIDAY:
Summer Sounds and Sizzling BBQ
6:30-8:00pm

E V E R Y
SATURDAY:
Waterfront Workouts
8:00-11:00am

E N J O Y some of the District’s best Jazz and Blues, under the stars every Thursday in June produced with the support of Jazz Night in Southwest in partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church.

S A V O R King Ribs Bar-B-Q, while listening to the sounds of summer, along the waterfront promenade.

W O R K O U T beside the water beginning with participation in the DC Dragon Boat Club beginning at 8am. Laurent Amzallag’s amazing YaLa Fitness class begins at 9am and Flow Yoga’s Istar Guven conducts a Flow Yoga class at 10am

WHARF

All Wharf activities, musical entertainment and waterfront workouts are free and produced by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront. Gangplank Marina Park is a free WIFI hot spot. Waterfront Workouts is a collaboration of DC Dragon Boat Club, YaLa Fitness with Laurent Amzallag and Flow Yoga’s Istar Guven. The Wharf is a \$2 billion, world-class, mixed-use waterfront development by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront that is now under construction. The first phase of The Wharf will open in 2017. When complete, The Wharf will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. More information is online at www.wharfdc.com. General information is available at 202-688-3590. Hoffman-Madison Waterfront Development Site Office is now temporarily located at 600 Water Street SW. The Wharf is within four blocks of the L’ Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Metrorail stops.



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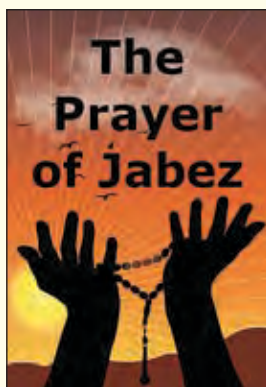
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Upcoming Events at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

WHAT: *Healing Wars*

Arena ends its 2013-14 season with a world premiere dance event. *Healing Wars* is Liz Lerman's newest theatrical dance piece, which explores the experiences of healers — medics and soldiers from the Civil War to the present — who are tasked with treating the physical and psychic wounds of battle. *Healing Wars* is a collaborative endeavor that has involved veterans, artists, clinicians, medical historians, and military experts as part of the National Civil War Project.

WHEN: June 6 - 29, 2014

WHERE: Kogod Cradle at Arena Stage

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION: arenastage.org/shows-tickets/single-tickets/savings-programs/. Tickets may be purchased online at arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300, or at the sales office at 1101 6th St. SW.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cell Phones for Soldiers is a nonprofit dedicated to providing cost-free communication

services to active-duty military members and veterans. Drop off used cell phones at Visitor Services when you come to see *Healing Wars* and Arena Stage will deliver all donations. Proceeds from the phones are used to purchase prepaid international calling cards for troops and provide emergency financial assistance to veterans.

Post-Show Conversation — Thursday, June 19 following the 8:00 p.m. performance

Arena Stage's 2014-15 season will open Sept. 5 with a world premiere comedy, *The Shoplifters*. Musicals for November and December include *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Five Guys Named Moe*. A special feature will be *Our War*, a National Civil War Project theatrical event.

There will also be a world premiere political drama, *The Originalist*, about Justice Scalia, as well as some favorites: Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*,

August Wilson's *King Hedley II*, and Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. The season will end with Katori Hall's *The Blood Quilt*, a world premiere family comedy-drama.

DINNER LAB

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tablecloths, fine china, and nice stemware...not that night. Each dish, while presented beautifully, was hyper-focused on the food. The food arrived on recycled paper plates and the wine was served in plastic cups.

Andrea Pinkard, Dinner Lab's tenth employee and host, said, "We focus on the food. It's all that matters. Dinner Lab allows you to experience the essence of dishes. The venues make it all the much cooler." She was exactly right. Our neighbors described Blind Whino as "awesome" and "unique," commenting, "who knew this was even here?!" They were all glad they had come to this unknown address in Southwest.

The first dish was a red lentil soup served in a paper bowl. With bulgur, rice, roasted kale, and citrus, it was one of the best dishes I have ever eaten. In between the six courses, you are able

to discuss with your fellow foodies what you liked and did not like, and then rate the dishes based on taste, originality, drink pairing, and if the dish is recommended for a restaurant. Some were unsure of the rice and pine nut-stuffed grapes leaves, while others raved about the blistered eggplant with ground lamb. The desert, however, received top ratings all around for the homemade semolina and vanilla ice cream with caramelized fig and walnuts with pistachio dust.

On only its 33rd day in DC, Dinner Lab was off to a hot start with over 500 members already subscribed. The concept is great for the chefs, too, as the ten chefs travel to nine cities across the United States. At the end of their travels, the votes are tallied and the best chef receives his own restaurant funded by Dinner Lab.

The only way to describe the pairing of the exotic dining experience of Dinner Lab with the unique ambiance of Blind Whino's reclaimed church is, well, *heavenly*.

TRAPEZE SCHOOL

From p. 3

the air, taking in an amazingly new view while I release an exultant shout of happiness!

As I bounce down to the mat, I give a hearty laugh while my classmates give me a round of applause. A mere two hours ago, I was a mortal, but now I am a flying trapeze artist...or so I tell

myself.

For more information on the Trapeze School of New York—Washington, DC, visit <http://washingtondc.trapezeschool.com>; or call (410) 459-6839; or Email: dcinfo@trapezeschool.com. With classes ranging from flying trapeze to trampoline to juggling to balancing and aerobic, there is surely something for everyone. Classes are held seven days a week, and the school is also open for parties and corporate events.

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JUNE

SUN 1 8:30 A.M. Final *Bread for Life* breakfast program, and 11:30 A.M. **Water Street Garden Closing Ceremony** on the west waterfront side of the church. A small outdoor reception will follow. **St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street SW.**

MON 2 7-8:30 P.M. **PAWS of Southwest.** The monthly meeting is open to the public in the downstairs community room of the **SW Neighborhood Library.** Also find us **PAWS of Southwest** on Facebook.

TUES 3 & 17 4:30-5:30 P.M. **GAME GROUP.** Children from 5-12 years of age are invited to play a wide selection of games. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

THURS 5 8-9:30 A.M. **Councilmember Tommy Wells Southwest Community Office Hours will be held at Starbucks in the Safeway, 1100 4th Street SW.**

SAT 7 10:30 A.M. **Family Story Time.** Stories, songs and activities promotion fire prevention and fire safety. Special Guest: DC Firefighters will visit to discuss fire safety and fire engines. **SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW.**

SAT 7 10 A.M.-3 P.M. **Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle's Family Bazaar & Yard Sale.** All are welcome. **60 Eye Street SW, 202-479-2851.**

SAT 7 4-5:30 P.M. **Experience Yoga Nidra** Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with a focus on healing body, mind and spirit. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 M Street SW.**

SUN 8 9:30 A.M. **Final Service at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street SW. Pentecost Sunday.** Final Service in the church followed by procession into the neighborhood and ending with shared coffee hour celebration at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) at 900 4th Street SW, to enjoy coffee hour together.

MON 9 7-10 P.M. **ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting,** 1100 4th St. SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2nd floor.

TUES 10 & Tues 24th 6-7 P.M. **Free BIKE CLINIC.** Bring your bicycle and learn "How to do Bike Maintenance" by Brandon of Capitol Hill Bikes. **Randall Community Center, corner of South Capitol and I St. SW.**

TUES 10 10:30 A.M. **UNO, DOS, TRES con Andres!** Spanish language stories for preschoolers. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

TUES 10 & 24 4:30-5:30 P.M. **CREATE CLUB.** School age children 5-12 years of age are welcome to participate in a creative activity including arts and crafts. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

TUES 10 **DC STREETCAR 3:30-8:30 P.M. 3rd SERIES Public Meetings for North-South Corridor Planning Study** Announced, Tuesday, June 10th Presentation 4-7 PM, DCRA, 1100 4th St. SW, 2nd floor Community Room. For more information: <http://www.dcstreetcar.com/projects/future-lines/north-south/north-south-corridor-project-library/>

WED 11 4:00 P.M. **Bully Busters Workshop** presented in partnership with Kaiser Permanente for ages 9-12. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SAT 14 11 A.M.-1 P.M. **SECOND SATURDAY MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER** includes special offerings by The Little Farm Stand, freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs by the Amidon-Bowen PTA parents, cooking demonstrations by local celebrity Chef Kev and more. **Duck Pond, 6th & Eye St.**

SAT 14 10 A.M.-12 P.M. **Little Farm Stand** with organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County's Red Gate Farm. **Southwest Duck Pond, 6th and Eye St. www.littlefarmstand.com**

SUN 15 **St. Augustine's First Service in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.** St. Augustine's former Deacon, newly ordained Episcopal minister, the Rev. Cameron Soulis, will celebrate the Eucharist.

MON 16 5-7 P.M. **Teen Health Lounge at Randall Community Center.** A place where youth and young adults can engage in games, health workshops on HIV 101, health communication, condom negotiation, and much more. Additionally HIV testing will be available and anyone ages 13-24 will receive an incentive for being tested. **Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**

MON 16 7:30 P.M.-8:45 P.M. **Monday Evening Wellness presentation** – Childhood Obesity presented by Susan Okie, MD **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SAT 21 11 A.M.- 3 P.M. **COMMUNITY YARD SALE. No Table Fee.** Bring your own table with items to sell. Shop your neighbor's tables. Bring donation of one non-perishable food item. **Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**

SAT 21 2:30-5 P.M. **Career Design Workshop** with career coach Blair Goins. Advanced registration encouraged; call or text (202) 713-8341 or email blair@designmycareer.org **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SUN 22 6 P.M. Outside on 6th and M Streets SW, **Deconsecration of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church building.** The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington, DC will deconsecrate the building from sacred use to secular.

TUES 24 6-9 P.M. **HAPPY HOUR,** meet and mingle with other Duck Pond supporters and check out the new design of tee shirts and hoodies. **Cantina Marina, 600 Water Street SW.**

FRI 27 6:30 P.M. **Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle's DC 360 Movie Night.** Feature Film will be 'Monumental' starring Kirk

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

Cameron. Admission is free. All are welcome. **60 Eye Street SW, 202-479-2851.**

SAT 28 8-11:30 P.M. **VSDC African American Networking Group,** Old School Summer Dance Party. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW. \$15 in Advance/\$20 at the door. Purchase Tickets at: www.eventbrite.com/e/old-school-summer-dance-party-tickets-10975686671. Music by DJMixed featuring music from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Light Vegan Refreshments.

SAT 28 1 P.M. **SOUTHWEST BOOK DISCUSSION.** The June selection is 'House of Stone' by Anthony Shadid. Copies available for checkout at the library. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SUN 29 2 P.M. **SUPERHERO PARTY,** SW Neighborhood Library. 202-724-4752

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon, Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ADULT YOGA, 6 P.M. Mondays, FREE, Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202-554-6973.

AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS, 3:30-5:00pm, Mondays and Fridays. Ages. 6-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Streets SW.

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday –Friday, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker.

AYA COMMUNITY MARKET May 24-November 22, 2014 at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street SW. For more information contact: Christopher Bradshaw, 202-800-2613. chris@dreamingoutloud.org

BABY AND TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays, 3rd, 17th and 24th. Fun songs, finger plays, and rhymes to promote early literacy development. For infants through 24 months and their caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

BEGINNERS YOGA (Tuesdays in June only), classes aim to

introduce participants to basic yoga exercise and philosophies. At the conclusion of the four week series, student are referred to various Southwest, Navy Yard and Capitol Hill studios for further practice. Complimentary mats provided. Donations accepted. **For time email southwestduckpond@gmail.com**

BINGO FOR SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

BOYS TO MEN, 5-6 P.M., Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Mike Wilson, Gary Williams.

SEEKING CHEERLEADERS for King Greenleaf Football Team. 6:30-7:45 P.M. Ages 5-14, bring sneakers and leggings or shorts. Practices on Mon & Tues & Thurs.; Walk-Through on Fridays. Call Kaneisha (202) 251-8646 **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

CHESS, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Wednesdays, Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202-554-6973

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the "littlest members" of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

TUES 3	PC Basics
TUES 10	Introduction to the World Wide Web
TUES 17	No class scheduled for this week
TUES 24	DC Public Library Website
TUES JULY 1	Introduction to Email

COMMUNITY YARD SALE, 11 A.M.-3 P.M., Every 3rd Saturday. No Table Fee. Bring donation of non-perishable

food items; Bring your table and new or old items to sell. **Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW,** Call to register 202-554-6973 or email: randallrec@sashabruce.org

COMPUTER CLASSES, 6-8 P.M., Mondays, DRP Certified Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454.

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, 6-7 P.M., Tuesdays, Randall Community Center. 202-554-6973.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298, 5:30-7:30 P.M., Wednesdays, K-12. Contact Monica Evans, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW 202-645-7454.**

HAND DANCING CLASSES, 12-2 P.M. Saturdays, Jitterbug, Lindy Hop. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. **Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW,** Community room off Wesley Place, SW.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, with Mr. Zeke, 12:30-3:30 P.M. Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB CLUB, 12-2 P.M. Tuesdays, Ages 18 and older. Contacts: Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7 P.M., Thursdays, By Appointment Only. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications and other aspects of the job search process. **SW Neighborhood Library.** Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment.

KING GREENLEAF FOOTBALL, 6-8 P.M., Ages 5-14, May 1-August 1, 2014. For information contact Coach Greg (202) 528-0656 or Coach Jimmy (202) 531-1625 or Coach Mike (202) 251-8646.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday SW Neighborhood Library.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, every 1st & 3rd Saturday, SW Neighborhood Library. Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

LITTLE FARM STAND, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Saturdays, May through December at the Southwest Duck Pond with organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County's Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MACHINE PITCH, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays

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CALENDAR

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days, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**. Contact Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson.

MOVIE NIGHT, 7-8:30 P.M., Ages 14-19, Fridays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**. Contact Michael Wilson 202-645-7454.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. **SW Neighborhood Library**, basement meeting room.

OPEN COMPUTER TIME, 3-7 P.M. Mondays, Randall Community Center. 202-554-6973 **PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M.** Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Bedtime songs and stretches for toddlers and preschoolers up to 5 years of age. **SW Neighborhood Library**.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 105, Community meeting, **7-8:30 P.M.**, every Third Thursday. Location announced at previous meeting.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.**, every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th Street S.E.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M. Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Picture books, songs and rhymes to strengthen early literacy skills. For children from 2-5 years of age and parents/caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library**.

SASSY SENIORS, Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker 202-645-7454.

SATURDAY WELLNESS WEEK programs: **SAT 7th 12:30 P.M. Exercise Class** lead by Andrew Davis of Waterside Fitness Center. **1-3 P.M. Seated Massage** provided by certified massage therapist in partnership with the Potomac Massage Institute. **SAT 14th 11A.M.-1P.M. Meditation** led by Karin Silverman. 1-2 P.M. Yoga, 2-3 P.M. **Breast Cancer Discussion** with Thelma Jones. **SW Neighborhood Library**

SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program.

SENIOR CARDIO EXERCISE, 11 A.M.-Noon, Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**. Contact Gary Williams.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP #4751 CHAPTER. Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

at 12 Noon. Meetings are every Third Wednesday. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes' Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 400 Eye Street SW.

TEEN CLUB, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Fridays, **Ages 14-19**. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**, Contact Angela Venable.

TEEN GAME NIGHT, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Thursdays, **Ages 13-19**. Enjoy video and board games. **SW Neighborhood Library**.

TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS, 5-7 P.M., Wednesdays, **Ages 6-13**, DPR Certified Volunteers. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**.

TOT LOT Program, 10:30-11:45 A.M. Thursdays, **Randall Community Center**, South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202- 554-6973. Activity time for toddlers, ages 18 mos. to 3 years and parents/caregivers. Movement and activities that develop gross motor skills that can enhance balance, coordination, socialization, strength, self-esteem and reinforce cognitive development in a safe, nurturing and fun environment.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SWFreeway Meeting.

YOGA FOR TEENS AND ADULTS, 7-8 P.M. Every Tuesday, No class on 17th. **SW Neighborhood Library**.

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 6-7 P.M., Thursdays, **Ages 6-18**, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**. Contact Safiyyah Aleem-Woods.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, **FREE**, **Randall Community Center**, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202-554-6973.

April Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

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Sold Dollar Volume	\$6,456,061	\$6,436,205	0.31%
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Median Sold Price	\$275,000	\$306,000	-10.13%
Units Sold	21	18	16.67%
Avg Days on Market	39	17	129.41%
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